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Milwaukee County Parks offers unique gifts for the weekend warrior, outdoors enthusiast or frazzled mom or dad! At the Milwaukee County Parks Holiday Gift Kiosk, conveniently located inside Mayfair Mall, you'll find:

- Gift Certificates for 15 Golf Courses, Cool Waters & Pelican Cove aquatic centers.
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season's greetings

Dear 15th District Neighbor,

Happy Holidays! I hope this newsletter will help you enjoy the holiday season by informing you of special holiday events and deals found at your Milwaukee County parks and attractions. I’ve included just a brief review of the 2005 budget process to keep you up to date on the business of county government. If you want to know more about anything listed in this newsletter, contact me for assistance.

On a personal note, I want to thank those of you who have contacted my office to let me know your views on County issues! Your willingness to share your expertise and interests has helped me get to know you better and to better represent you.

Milwaukee County faces many challenges. And opportunities. It is possible to preserve our wonderful parks and cultural facilities and maintain the County’s safety net services for the most vulnerable in our society without unduly burdening taxpayers. As tough decisions are made, knowing your views helps me set priorities.

My goal is to represent the people of the new 15th District with dedication, integrity and accomplishment. Hearing from you helps me do that. There are times we might disagree, but I promise to be open and honest and to respect your point of view.

I wish you, your family, and those who serve our community and country, the very best this New Year.

Lynne D. DeBruin



Lynne De Bruin
your COUNTY SUPERVISOR



Supervisor Lynne De Bruin with her children Chris, 19; Erica, 22; Natalee, 8; and Laura, 16

about lynne de bruin

With the April 2004 election, Lynne DeBruin became the new County Supervisor for the 15th Supervisory District. Prior to that, she represented the 16th Supervisory District for 12 years. The following biographical information is being presented to help you to know the type of work she does on your behalf.

District Resident for 23 years

Lynne DeBruin and her family recently moved into their new home in Milwaukee’s Enderis Park neighborhood. Before that, she and her family enjoyed living in Milwaukee’s Washington Heights neighborhood and the City of Wauwatosa.

Education:

- Bachelors of Science in Nursing, University of Michigan, R.N.
- Masters of Public Health, University of Michigan, M.P.H.

Employment:

- Milwaukee County Supervisor, full time, since 1992
- Former Health Education Coordinator, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center, Milwaukee
- Former nurse at hospitals in Michigan

Volunteer Service:

- The Milwaukee Lakefront Commission Member - Interim Chairman
- Marcus Center for the Performing Arts - Board Member
- Milwaukee Public Museum - Board Member
- Health Planning Council - Board Member
- The Park People - Board Member
- Grand Avenue Club - Board Member
- Washington Heights Neighborhood Association
- American Red Cross
- Hunger Task Force
- Salvation Army
- Former Board President, Cooperation West Side Association
- Church Elder
- Former City of Milwaukee Elections Commissioner
- Wisconsin Health Policy Council

County Board Committee Experience:

- Parks, Energy and Environment - Current Chairman
- Personnel - member and previous Vice - Chairman 4 years
- Judiciary, Safety and General Services - member
- Finance Committee - past Chairman 7 years
- Health and Human Services
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Economic and Community Development Group
- Mass Transit

Special Committee Service:

- Mitchell Boulevard Park Planning
- Washington Park Revitalization
- Valley Park Planning and Flood Prevention
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Steering Committee
- Menomonee River Stakeholders Group
- East-West Freeway Resurfacing Strategic Advisory
- 3 different Mental Health Task Forces
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Task Force
- Health Care Policy Task Force
- Near West Side Study Advisory Committee
- Infant Mortality Reduction Project - City of Milwaukee
- Primary Care Task Force
- Clean Air Committee
- Zoo and Mitchell Blvd. Park Public Art Selection
- Employee Deferred Compensation
- Intergovernmental Committee to Develop Hazardous Waste Disposal Plan

2005 County Budget

by Supervisor Lynne De Bruin

The 2005 County budget contains total expenditures of \$1.18 billion and a property tax levy of \$225.0 million. The 2005 tax levy is an increase of 2.9%. I voted against the tax levy increase.

Three issues were key to the 2005 budget debate. The first was some Supervisors’ beliefs that residents would accept the tax increase given the County’s fiscal problems, slower economy, and pension costs. The increase falls within proposed state legislation to restrict property tax spending, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, but it is higher than inflation.

Other Supervisors, myself included, felt that a tax increase was not needed to maintain core programs or to prevent fee increases. In addition, the 2004 County Board’s vote not to raise taxes would only help taxpayers if there were another year to mitigate the impact of rising assessments.

Finally, I recognize that it is important to take into consideration that assessments and the combined effect of all local governmental tax increases, even if they are small, may be too burdensome for taxpayers to bear.

The second issue was whether the County Board should move forward with the County Executive’s pension obligation borrowing plan or a revised, much less risky version offered by me and several of my colleagues. Although heavy debate occurred on these proposals, the vote before the full County Board was actually on whether to reduce the 2005 pension contribution by \$5 million. The Board chose to vote against this measure. If the Board had reduced the contribution, 2005 taxes would not have increased.

When the County Board voted against it, they did so despite having voted two years ago to reduce the same contribution by \$10 million for the same reason – tax relief.

The final major issue was on the County Executive’s proposal to sell more than \$11 million of county land in 2005. The County Board voted to reduce the expected revenue from land sales to \$5 million, the same as in 2004. I supported this action and support a gradual phasing out of any reliance on land sales to balance the budget. Please note that the land sales anticipated in 2005 does NOT include Milwaukee County parkland.

I believe the adopted budget contains unrealistic fiscal assumptions that are likely to require mid-year corrections. There are also emerging issues, such as mental health, where demand for services continues to rise but is not budgeted for. These concerns may have a significant impact on county services mid-year and were part of the reason I voted against the final budget.

I’d like to thank the several hundred 15th district residents who contacted my office to let me know their views on the 2005 budget. Knowing what is important to you and learning your opinions on issues and actions that impact Milwaukee County government is invaluable. As part of a democratic body, these communications help me get to know you better and it assists me in my efforts to represent you on the Milwaukee County Board.

Lynne



Please contact me if you have a family member or loved one serving in the military. I will have the County Board honor the person’s service by passing a County Board Citation which will be given to your loved one. - Lynne

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Lynne De Bruin
your COUNTY SUPERVISOR



holiday events



Milwaukee County Holiday Celebrations

Milwaukee Public Museum



A Season of Wonder

From November 26 – December 24
The Museum will be a holiday wonderland with 12-foot Christmas trees and a whale skeleton covered in 500 lights. The European Village will be decked out in holiday splendor, with 33 ethnic houses full of historic artifacts, decorations and foods celebrating the season. A Milwaukee tradition for more than 20 years!

Craft a seasonal memory

Make holiday crafts, including a candy cane ornament, handmade holiday cards and a craft spoon snowman. Crafts are from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Opulent decorations create seasonal splendor!

Check out the toys of the “Greatest Generation” a display of toys from the 1920s-40s. See early Lionel train sets, Disney toys from the 1930s and a Schoenhut “Humpty Dumpty Circus” of daring wooden performers.

Kwanzaa

Celebrate Kwanzaa 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 26-Friday, Dec. 31.

- See African drumming and dance by the Ajula African Dance Troupe, 1-1:30 and 2-2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27.
- Make Kwanzaa gifts representing the seven days of the festival, including a family tree, paper Dashikis and a coupon book to give to family and friends good for helpful favors.
- Play a trivia game to learn the seven principles of Kwanzaa.
- Go on a scavenger hunt in the Museum’s African Savannah exhibit.
- Study special Kwanzaa place settings, representing the principles of the festival.

Milwaukee Holiday Lights at Milwaukee County Parks



(Now through January 2, 2005)
Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival is downtown’s official celebration of the season. Included in the celebration are three magnificent Milwaukee County Parks.

Cathedral Square Park

Twenty area schools will adorn the Community Spirit Park with ornaments reflecting their chosen themes of peace, love, unity and preservation.

Pere Marquette Park

Snowy and friends await you in this winter wonderland scene. Adults and children will delight in this whimsical display. You’ll also find the popular Giant Red Teddy Bear.

Red Arrow Park

Normal skating season is December through February. There is no fee for skating, 200 pair of ice skates available for rent at \$3.75/pair. Rink can comfortably accommodate 100 skaters at one time.
Hours for ice skating are Monday-Thursday 11 am – 8 pm
Friday-Saturday 11 am – 11 pm
Sunday Noon – 6 pm

Zeidler Union Square

Brilliant larger than life, animated light scenes and giant holiday-themed sculptures illuminate this cozy park and the entire neighborhood.



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